

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**Listing of claims:**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Original) A hypoid gear device provided with a backlash eliminating unit for eliminating a backlash between a driven wheel and a driving pinion meshed with the driven wheel, said backlash eliminating unit comprising a driven pinion mounted on a same shaft as that of the driving pinion and meshed with the driven wheel, and an elastic member urging the driven pinion in a direction reverse to the driving pinion on the same shaft.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
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5. (Cancelled)
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Withdrawn currently amended) The hypoid gear device according ~~any one of~~ claim[[s]] 1 [[to 7]] wherein the driven wheel is mounted to a work table.
9. (Withdrawn currently amended) The hypoid gear device according to ~~any one of~~ claim[[s]] 1 [[to 8]], wherein a transmission of rotation of the driven wheel to the driving pinion is prohibited.